

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 429 - SB 685

February 19, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a five-member state oversight committee (Committee) to survey and inventory educational programs and materials being used to teach American history in public schools and to create a directory of consultants who can share their knowledge of the role African Americans have played in American history. Requires members of the Committee to serve without compensation but authorizes reimbursement for travel expenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,200/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- The Committee will consist of three teachers and two citizens.
- The Committee does not have the authority to require changes to the social studies standards but will work to ensure African American history standards are accurately and consistently incorporated.
- The Committee will meet quarterly, and all members will be reimbursed for travel expenses at a rate of \$0.47 per mile. The average miles traveled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip.
- The total increase in state expenditures for travel reimbursement for the five members is estimated to be \$2,200 (234 miles roundtrip x \$0.47 per mile x 4 meetings x 5 members), beginning in FY21-22 and occurring in subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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